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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am against the USTelecom petition to repeal the rule granting competing phone and internet companies wholesale access to AT&T's copper-wire phone infrastructure. The industry petition argues that the rule is an intrusive regulation that has outlived its usefulness. This is nonsense. We had AT&T before, and they were completely unresponsive to outages, especially on weekends; with AT&T on a weekend, you can only leave a message and hope they get back to you on Monday and meanwhile the service is down. Our current DSL and phone provider, Sonic, has humans available around the clock in the event of problems. Sonic's prices are lower than other DSL providers, and we are very grateful for that as my wife and I are retired and living on fixed incomes. Switching to Sonic saved us a great deal of money on DSL, and including phone service with it, even more so. Thanks to their lower cost, we will be able to switch to fiber soon for approximately the same monthly cost, but a better grade of service and speed. We will look forward to having TV via the Internet at last, and stop having to pay a high price for satellite service. Sonic's DSL service is the means by which we get our primary news, and far more importantly, our e-mails and access to our bank.

Please don't allow AT&T and the other huge companies to harm the consumer. Thank you.

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